

# Ohio Occupational, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board

## Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Committee March 17, 2021 2:00 pm

**Staff** 

Missy Anthony, Executive Director

Debbie Fulk, Licensure

Mai Vo, Licensure

Jan Hills, Executive Assistant

Jeff Duvall, Enforcement Supervisor

Jaklyn Shucofsky, Enforcement Investigator

Virtual meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams

#### **Members Present**

Derek Bradley, LPO Tammy Dalton, LPED, Secretary Nicholas Denroche, LP Brian Weaver, LPO, Chair Jeff Sczpanski, AT, Joint Board OPP Liaison

#### **Members Absent**

Derek Kinsella, LPO

#### **Legal Counsel**

Lindsay Miller, AAG

## Guests Counsel Alan Kercher

## Call to Order

Brian Weaver, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

Tammy Dalton made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2021 meeting as amended. Second by Brian Weaver. Motion passed.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

- Renewals- 97 licensees are outstanding. Efforts are being made to encourage renewals, especially with large volume of professional licenses being due July 1. There are anticipated help desk issues due to the numbers.
- Automation of the licensing of Prosthetics and Orthotics in eLicense,
- Jaklyn Shucofsky has been promoted to investigator in the enforcement division.
- David Day has been hired as the OTPTAT paralegal and will start work on March 22 completing the staffing of the Enforcement division.
- The staff remains working remotely and will remain so until the order is lifted. A hybrid formula of a work schedule will likely develop in the future.

### **Discussion of Laws and Rules**

Licensure candidates without residency- OPPAC needs to develop rules in conjunction with the passage of SB 68 which will take effect in early April. This includes the need to define the terms unique and exceptional qualifications and identify credential pathways including academic requirements, qualifications, certifications, letters of recommendation and hours of experience in the field.

- OTPTAT modeled a statute change off of a Texas provision, as a discussion piece to assist in drafting language for early stakeholder release following Section suggestions and input.
  - Experience related including direct patient care,
  - Academics -met what is currently stated by law, but not completing direct patient supervision hour accrual.
  - Foreign trained students and education evaluated by World Education Services, or similarly approved education evaluation entity,
  - Letters of recommendation- type- requiring (2) two that outline the qualifications and qualities of the practitioner.

## Code of Ethics

After comparison of the other professions under OTPTAT, the OPPAC shows weaknesses in language with regard to improper documentation and billing. The ABC Code of Ethics will be used as a reference for identifying instances where changes need to be addressed for the welfare of the public.

### **Enforcement Report**

- "New" cases opened since the last meeting: 0
- Cases "closed" since last meeting: 0
- Cases "currently open": 0
- Active consent agreements: 0
- Adjudication orders being monitored: 0

#### Correspondence

Continued discussion about non licensed professionals' ability to fit devices.

## **OOPA Report**

No report

## **Open Forum**

None

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

## **Next Meeting Preparation**

- Ethics
- Licensure and residency
- Renewals

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business and no objections, Brian Weaver adjourned the meeting at 2:42 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hills

Brian Weaver, LPO, Chair

Missy Cuthon

Tamara Daulton, LPED, Secretary

Missy Anthony, Executive Director Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board